

41 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

941 Aerial Port Flight constituted and activated in the Reserve, 28 Jan 1964
Organized, 15 Feb 1964
Ordered to Active Service, 26 Jan 1968
Relieved from Active Duty, 2 Jun 1969
Inactivated, 25 Jul 1969
Redesignated 41 Aerial Port Squadron, 28 Dec 1981
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1982
Redesignated 41 Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, 1 Oct 1987
Redesignated 41 Aerial Port Squadron, 15 Dec 1993

STATIONS

Paine Fld, WA, 15 Feb 1964
McChord AFB, WA, 9 Nov 1965-25 Jul 1969
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Oct 1982
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Oct 1987

ASSIGNMENTS

941 Troop Carrier (later, 941 Air Transport; 941 Military Airlift) Group, 15 Feb 1964-25 Jul 1969
440 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1982
403 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance (later 403 Tactical Airlift; 403 Airlift) Wing. 1 Oct

1987

403 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Michael Norwood, 7 Sep 1996

Lt Col James Shore, 12 Mar 2000

Maj Michael Aden, 7 Jun 2003

Maj Otto Ford III, May 2005

Lt Col Michael Grubb, 5 May 2007

Capt James Selig, Aug 2021

Capt Dedrick S. Powell, 27 Sep 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

23 Dec 1964-22 Jan 1965

26 Jan 1968-1 Jun 1969

1 May 1992-30 Apr 1994

1 May 1994-30 Apr 1996

1 May 1996- 31 Aug 1997

EMBLEM





On a blue disc, a light blue globe grid lined yellow with a red stylized aircraft trailing a red contrail arcing right to left in the northern hemisphere, at the North Pole a yellow winged white star, and at lower left a green crate suspended from a green parachute detailed white; all within a narrow yellow border. Attached above the disc a blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border and attached below the disc a blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border and inscribed ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE in yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe and aircraft symbolize the worldwide mission of the unit and that the unit is a member of the Military Airlift Command. The north star indicates guidance and direction. The Air Force Reserve emblem depicts the unit's higher echelon. The parachute reflects the unit's historic aerial delivery mission. (Approved, 5 Oct 1987)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Air Force Reserve Command's 41st Aerial Port Squadron at Keesler AFB, Miss., dedicated a new \$8.5 million cargo-handling and operations building on the base. "The increased efficiencies associated with training and working in a purpose-built facility will not only benefit the 41st APS, but will be a direct benefit to the 403rd Wing" said squadron Commander Lt. Col. Michael Grubb at the Oct. 20 ribbon cutting. The Reserve wing is the squadron's parent unit. Located directly on the flight line, the new facility will enable forklifts and K-loaders to shuttle pallets assembled indoors directly to transport aircraft, states Keesler's Oct. 21 release. The two-story, 30,000 square-foot building includes office, classroom, and training space as well as a rolling floor for cargo preparation, and a rigging tower for air-drop parachutes, according to the release. 2012

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